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### WOMEN'S SECTION

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## **Some Things the S. G. G. A. Has Accomplished.**

Every effort of the Association, during its seventeen years of existence, which has resulted in benefit to the farmer, has been of equal benefit to the farm woman.

Special reforms effecting farm women, in which the Women's Section has been particularly active:—

Franchise—Federal, Provincial, Municipal and School.

Dower Law—The wife's present rights in the homestead, which though still limited, indicate some progress.

Prohibition—The organized farmers, men and women, were largely responsible for abolishing the bars and closing the liquor stores.

Medical Aid—The G. G. A., by aiding and endorsing the work of the Women's Section, helped establish Municipal Hospitals, Doctors and Nurses, District Nurses, Medical Inspection of Schools, etc.

Farm Home Help—Co-operation of the Women's Section with the Department of Labour, has resulted in the appointment of a Woman Supervisor of Labour, for the purpose of obtaining a supply of help in farm homes.

Libraries—The establishment of Free Government Travelling Libraries for rural communities.

Young People—The organization of Junior Grain Growers' Clubs for the purpose of training our farm boys and girls in rural citizenship, and to interest them in the improvement of rural conditions, so they will stay on the farm.

## **Some Things the Women's Section, Through the G. G. A., Aims to Accomplish.**

To include every farm woman in its membership, and interest each in working for the good of all.

To assist our members to educate themselves to be the best possible citizens of the community, the nation, and the world.

To interest them in every movement that makes for reform in social conditions, particu-

larly those effecting the childhood and youth of our land.

To popularize the study of social and economic questions, and to assist in materializing the policy of the Farmers' Platform.

To help our members realize that they are responsible, equally with men, for the legal enactments of the land, and for their enforcement.

To agitate for further amendments to the Dower Law which will secure for the farm woman her proper rights in the home she has worked so hard to build up.

To eliminate unnecessary drudgery in farm homes, by encouraging the use of labor-saving equipment, and endeavoring to have such equipment put on the free list.

To foster and encourage the co-operative method of distribution of farm products, and the supply of staple commodities.

To develop local taste for literature, music and the finer things of life, and encourage members to provide suitable halls and meeting places, properly equipped, for the social and educational benefit of the community.

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## PLAN OF WORK

### Medical Aid

Now that the war is over, and there may be some available supply of doctors and nurses, the Women's Section hopes to extend its work in regard to Municipal Hospitals, Doctors and Nurses, and also in District Nurses, Medical Inspection of Schools, etc. The W.S.G.G.A. is also co-operating with the St. John Ambulance Association in the formation of rural classes in First Aid and Home Nursing. Literature along these lines will be supplied to the clubs upon application to Provincial Secretary, Women's Section.

### Our Young People

Improvement in rural conditions in relation to farm boys and girls is a very important branch of W.G.G.A. work, and the Women's Section is



working for many new Junior Grain Growers' clubs this year. It is said that 80% of the country's great men come from the farms, and the W. G. G. A. aims to make farm life so attractive and profitable that some of them will want to stay there. Constitutions and programs for Junior clubs can be obtained from the Provincial Secretary, Women's Section.

### **Social Service**

The 1919 program of the Social Service Council, with which the W. G. G. A. actively co-operates, includes the following: Reform of Infants' and Children's Protection Act; Provincial Pool Room Regulations; Dominion Prohibition; Inspection of Public Places; Federal Bureau of Health; Reform of Election Regulations; Sworn Ownership of Periodicals; A Biological Survey looking to the care of the feeble-minded; Commission to amend Proprietary Medicine Act. The Women's Section G. G. A. hopes to afford practical aid to the Social Service Council in working for these, and other reforms.

### **Citizenship**

In view of the fact that women are now half the electorate, it is imperative that our members become familiar with the principal social and economic questions of the day, and particularly the Farmers' Platform, as the policy of this Platform means quite as much to the farm woman as it does to the farm man. Literature on this subject will be sent to the clubs from time to time.

### **Non-English**

The Convention this year voted for the publication of G. G. A. propaganda in other languages besides English, in order that the older generation of non-English might understand its work and aims. The Women's Section advocates work among the non-English, by encouraging them to become members of our Association, by furthering the work of the Director of Education, by the establishment of night schools, and in any other way possible.

## **Household Economics**

One of the principal aims of our Women's Section is the elimination of unnecessary drudgery in farm homes, by encouraging the use of labor-saving equipment, the substitution of gasoline for hand-power wherever possible, the establishment of co-operative creameries, laundries, etc. Our committee on Home Economics hopes to co-operate with the Trading Department in demonstrating labor-saving devices at Exhibitions and Conventions.

## **Marketing By-Products**

As prices will likely drop much more quickly on the commodities the farm woman sells, than on those she buys, it will be necessary to find the best markets available for butter, eggs, etc. This matter is being investigated by a special committee, and information will be furnished the clubs as the matter develops.

## **Community Work**

It is the aim of the Women's Section to lend aid and support to any scheme which tends to promote and encourage true community feeling. Community work includes establishing and maintaining Rest Rooms, obtaining Travelling and Permanent Community Libraries, providing suitable meeting places for the social and educational benefit of the community, etc. Our members are particularly urged to get behind the School Fair movement, and to foster and encourage community spirit among the young people.

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# **CONSTITUTION**

## **Section 14—Women's Section**

1. Women shall have the same standing in the Association as men.
2. It shall be competent for any five or more women who are members of a Local to form themselves into a Women's Section of the Local for the purpose of discussing ways and means for dealing with women's questions and work.

Such section when formed shall be termed the Women's Section and shall be governed by this (Grain Growers) Constitution and By-Laws.

3. At the annual Convention the women delegates may meet in the general meeting or separately as they see fit. In separate meetings they may discuss any question or matter not inconsistent with the objects of the Association, as set forth in Section 3 hereof but it shall not be competent for them to petition Parliament or the Legislature on any matter independently of the Central.

4. Such separate meetings may be called the Women's Section and it shall have power to elect a board composed of such officers as it may see fit. This Board shall have especially charge of such branches of the Association's work as relate to women and children.

5. The Board elected by the Women's Section shall have power to nominate three (3) of its members, who, upon approval by the annual convention of the Association shall be Women Directors of the Association.

## **Section 12—Local Associations**

1. Any five or more members residing in the same locality may request the Central Executive to create a Local Association for the said locality and the Executive on such request—or without request—may establish a local for any locality.

### **Membership Fees**

2. The Local shall, for each of its members, pay to the Central annually a membership fee of one dollar, the amount to be retained in its own treasury to be decided by each Local independently. It shall not be required to pay to the Central any fee for such of its members as are life members of the Association. A life member may become a member of the Local by paying the local fee to the secretary of said Local.

3. The Local shall make payment of all membership fees owing to the Central promptly, and at least once every three months.



If women do not wish voting privileges of the men's local they may form their own Local. See Section 12, G. G. A. Constitution.

### **Officers**

Each Women's Section of a Local may hold meetings at the call of the president or the secretary-treasurer and shall hold an annual meeting of the members not later than January 15th. This meeting shall elect a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer and three or more directors, who shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

### **Explanatory Notes**

To become members of the local with full voting privileges women must pay full membership fee into local treasury. They must become members of the Women's Section through the Local.

They may keep in their own treasury any funds that they may accumulate beside membership fees.

Women's Sections may work on same basis as Provincial Women's Section by obtaining grant from Local to supplement their funds.

In order to have full standing in main body of the Annual Convention delegates must be elected from the full Local meeting, or members of the Women's Section may confer with men members of the Local and arrange to send delegates in proportion to numbers, with the authority of the Local.

### **Methods of Organizing**

The work of the Women Grain Growers may be carried on in the manner best suited to the various conditions of the different communities. In some cases it will be more expedient to meet with the men members of the Local and co-operate in their work in as many ways as possible.

Women members when desiring to hold meetings of their own may organize a Women's Section of the Local.

In case there is no Local existing they may form a Local of their own. See Section number 12 under leading Constitution.

At any meeting of at least five women who have become members of the Local, a Women's Section can be organized.

Upon assembling, a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed to take temporary charge of the meeting, until officers are elected.

First motion in order is that a Women's Section of the Local Grain Growers' Association shall be organized.

Next in order is election of officers; when more than one name is to be voted upon decision should be made by ballot.

A Women's Grain Growers' Club or Women's Section of the Grain Growers is then in readiness for work, the first step of which should be the arranging of a time and place for the following meetings and the planning of a program for a few succeeding meetings. See Plan for Work.

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## WORKING HINTS

1. Write Central Office G. G. A., Farmers' Building, Regina, for copy of pamphlet "How to Conduct a Public Meeting."

2. Advertise our Association as much as possible by wearing a Grain Growers' Button (25c each) and by using G. G. A. stationery, to be obtained from Central Office.

3. Work a club banner to use at public meetings and conventions. Transfers for emblem can be obtained from Central Office.

4. Send to Provincial Secretary Women's Section for literature on Farmers' Platform. Good material for club study.

5. Members should subscribe for Grain Growers' Guide. Reports of local clubs are published on Club Page.

6. Programs should be prepared and leaders appointed to give papers, some months in advance.

7. Co-operate whenever possible with the teacher, doctor and district nurse. Ask them to address your meetings.

8. Get behind the School Fair movement.

9. Committees such as the following might be appointed: Medical Aid, Young People, Marketing, Citizenship, Social Service.

10. Roll call, with various responses, should become a fixed part of the program.

11. Where independent political action is contemplated, remember women are now half the electorate. Get busy.

12. Above all, remember the community side of our work. Our opportunity to promote true neighborliness, and a love of the finer things of life.

### **Suggested Topics for Meetings.**

1. Favorite Recipes.

2. Easy Sunday Dinners.

3. Hot Lunches for School Children.

4. Municipal Hospitals and District Nurses.

5. The Family Medicine Chest, Its Needs and Contents.

6. The St. John Ambulance Association, First Aid Courses.

7. Co-operative Laundries, and Labor-Saving Devices.

8. Promoting Co-operation Between Home and School.

9. The Responsibilities of Our Newly-Acquired Franchise.

10. The Economic Freedom of Farm Women.

11. Program of the Social Service Council for 1919.

12. Some Things the Non-English Can Teach Us.

13. The Care of the Motor Car.

14. System in Farm Book-keeping.
15. The Program of the G. W. V. in relation to the Returned Soldier.
16. How the Labour Party Can Co-operate With the Farmer.
17. How Organization Has Brought the Farmer Recognition by Others.
18. Why do 80% of Our Clever Boys Leave the Farm?
19. Housekeeping Should Be a Profession, like Nursing. Is it Practicable?



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